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**Credentials of representatives of States Parties at the
second session: report of the Credentials Committee**

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Dejan Šahović (Serbia and Montenegro)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 3 September 2003, the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, in accordance with rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, appointed a Credentials Committee for its first session, consisting of the following States Parties: Benin, Fiji, France, Honduras, Ireland, Paraguay, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia and Uganda.
2. For the second session of the Assembly of States Parties, the Credentials Committee held its meeting on 11 September 2003.
3. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 9 September 2003 concerning the credentials of representatives of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to the second session of the Assembly of States Parties. The representative of the Legal Counsel made a statement updating the information contained therein.
4. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the second session of the Assembly of States Parties, in the form required by rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure, had been received as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the following 40 States Parties: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay.



5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of States Parties to the second session of the Assembly of States Parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a cable or a telefax from the head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the permanent mission concerned, by the following 50 States Parties: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Central African Republic, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Ecuador, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Honduras, Lesotho, Lithuania, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Mongolia, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Samoa, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela and Zambia.

6. The Chairman recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of all States Parties mentioned in the Secretary-General's memorandum and the statement relating thereto, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States Parties referred to in paragraph 5 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

7. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted the following draft resolution:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the second session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the present report;

"Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the States Parties concerned."

8. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

9. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee recommend to the Assembly of States Parties the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 11 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Assembly of States Parties.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

11. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives to the Second Session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

"The Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court,

"Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

"Approves the report of the Credentials Committee."
